1288. *[Transferred to the 9th March,* 1989].

Specific programmes for preservation of perishable agricultural and horticultural products

1289. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific programmes have been envisaged for preservation of perishable agricultural and horticultural products like fruits, seasonal vegetables etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of special courts for bride burning cases

1290. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up special courts to deal exclusively with bride burning cases in the country which are on the increase in the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the details; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above in the negative, what are the reasons for not contemplating such proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grant of licence for setting up of food processing industries

1291. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for grant of licences to set up food processing industries upto the end of 1988;

(b) the break-up of these applications, category-wise;

(c) the number of licences granted so far;

(d) whether there are any guidelines for grant of licences; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information in respect of applications received in the financial year 1988-89 is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(c) During 1988-89 (upto January 1989) 40 Letters of Intent and 4 Industrial Licences have been issued for food processing industries.

(d) and (e) The policy of the Government in regard to the grant of Industrial Licences are contained in the latest edition of the "Guidelines for Industries" of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) and subsequent changes in the policy have been announced through Press Notes by that Ministry.

Quality standard of food products

1292. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued licences in food proces-

sing industries without ensuring quality standard of the food products;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for issuing such licences in food processing industries;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure quality standard of the licenced food products;

(d) whether Government have set up any institute/organisation for certification and standardisation of quality of the licenced food products; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such institutions/organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ban on use of celphos for preservation of foodgrains

1293. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe toxic effects of 'celphos' on human being which has no antidote;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ban the use of 'celphos' in preservation of foodgrains;

(c) whether it is a fact that 'celphos' used in preservation of foodgrains gets assimilated in foodgrains and creates toxic effects in the foodgrains thereby jeopardising health of the consumers; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to remove the toxic effects from the foodgrains meant for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968, has already imposed restrictions on the sale and use of Aluminium Phosphide. Aluminium phosphide can only be sold to the Government/Government Undertakings/Organisations like Ware-housing Corporations, Food Corporation of India etc., and such insecticide is to be used strictly under the supervision of the Government expert or by pest control operators whose expertise has been approved by the Plant Protection Adviser to the Government of India.

(c) Since the Phosphine gas released by celphos is present only temporarily in the foodgrains no health hazard is caused if recommendations as to use and practice are followed strictly.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment of film producer as head of F.T.I.I., Pune

1294. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to appoint a film producer as head of the FTII (Film and Television Institute of India), Pune; and

(b) if so, the name of the person so chosen?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Import of Pesticides etc.

1295. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pesticides, fungicides, herbicides etc. for which import